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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ¥24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP " 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNCALLED " 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND " 9,520,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

TOKIO. LONDON.
NAGASAKI. NEW YORK.
LYONS. HONOLULU.
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LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
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HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1905. [20]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....
Sterling Reserve.....\$10,000,000 \$18,000,000
Silver Reserve\$ 8,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
H. E. TOMKINS, Esq., Chairman.
H. A. W. SLADE, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
E. Goetz, Esq.
Hon. W. J. Gresson.
A. Haupt, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq.
H. Schubart, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
HONGKONG—J. R. M. SMITH.
MANAGER:
SHANGHAI—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1905. [22]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [23]

THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....Sh. Tael 7,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin. Calcutta. Hankow.
Tientsin. Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT
DIREKTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1904. [25]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1902. [52]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

FISCAL AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTHORIZED.....GOLD \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....GOLD \$ 3,947,200
RESERVE FUND.....GOLD \$ 3,947,200

HEAD OFFICE:
NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE:
THREADENEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED,
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.
BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives Money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at Rates which may be ascertained on application.

CHARLES R. SCOTT,
Manager.

20, Des Vaux Road,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1905. [41]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 1896

Shanghai Tael.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:
CANTON. PENANG.
CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.
HANKOW. TIENSIN.
PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
3 1/2 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
4 1/2 " " " 6 " "
5 1/2 " " " 12 " "

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " " 3 1/2 "
" " " 3 " " 3 "
T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [34]

THE PHARMACY, DISPENSING AND FAMILY CHEMISTS.

A WELL ASSORTED STOCK of
DRUGS, PERFUMERY, TOILET AND SICK ROOM REQUISITES, &c.,
always on hand.

A large variety of CHOCOLATES, in Fancy Boxes, at reduced prices, owing to favourable exchange.

Note Address:

56, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1905. [43]

Ships.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS. TO SAIL ON. REMARKS.

SHANGHAI.....{SIMLA About 24th } Freight and
F. R. Summers..... March } Passage.

LONDON, &c.....{MALTA March 25th } See Special
R. A. Peters..... Noon } Advertisement.

LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, MALACCA About 29th } Freight and
COLUMBO, PORT SAID and G. W. Babot, R.N.K. March } Passage.
MARSEILLES

For Further Particulars, apply to

L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [2]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARDATH TOBACCO CO.'S SPECIALITIES.

CABINET CIGARS	in hermetically sealed tins of 25	Per Tin
QUO VADIS CIGARETTES (Turkish)	"	50 1.50
ASTORIA (Virginia)	"	50 1.50
STATE EXPRESS " No. 555 "	"	50 1.00
ARDATH TOBACCO	"	1 lb. 1.00

FINEST EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES "Luang", Gold Tipped	50	1.25
" " " " " pkts. of 10	0.25	
" " " " " "Cleopatra" "	50	1.00

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1905. [34]

POTASH SULPHUR WATER

IN BOTTLES, HALF-BOTTLES AND SPLITS.



Telephone No. 75.

For STOMACH troubles and all diseases arising from excess of URIC ACID such as Rheumatism and Rheumatic Gout consumers are benefited by drinking the water, it being a perfect alkaline corrective. It mixes well with Wines and Spirits without in any way destroying the flavour.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG—

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

15, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1905. [37]

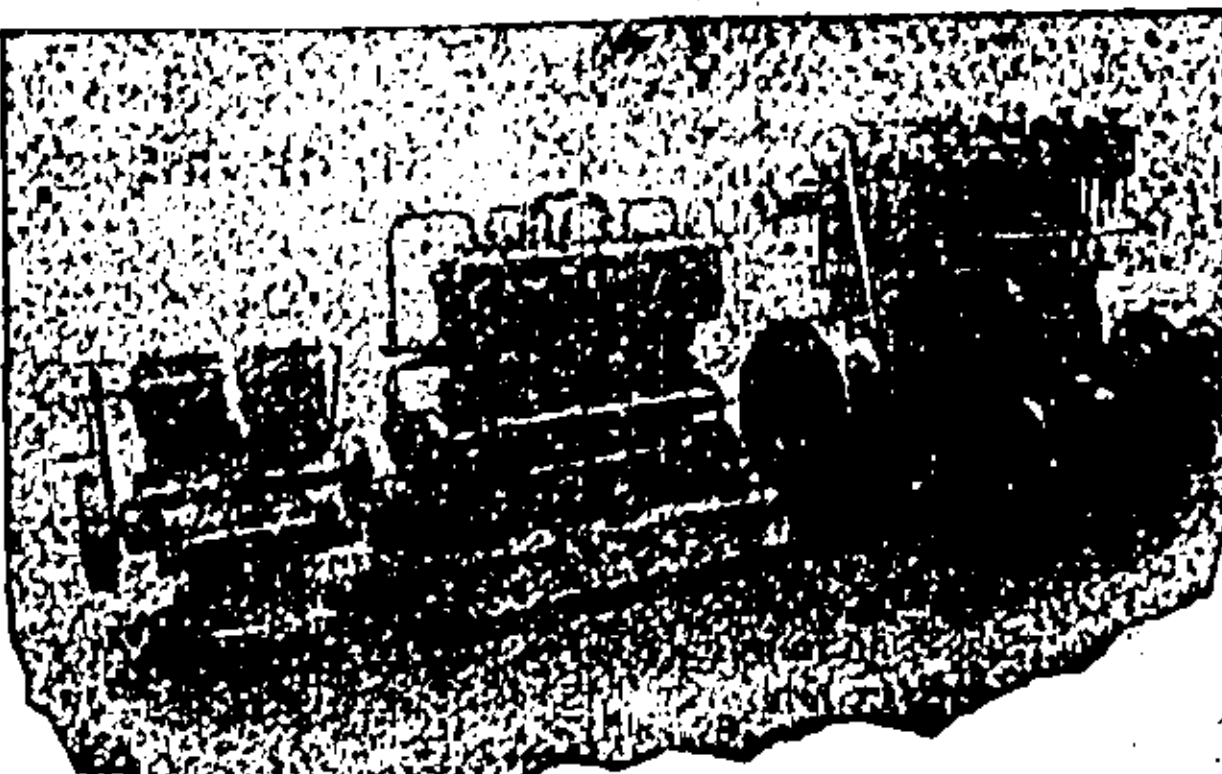
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SHIPS DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND SUPERVISED.

AGENTS FOR THORNYCROFT'S MOTORS AND MOTOR LAUNCHES, RACING AND CRUISING.

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For Reliability, Durability, Workmanship, Lightness.
Estimates cheerfully given.



OUR PROPELLERS

Are fitted to the Principal Racing Launches in Europe. Designed and Finished for Highest Efficiency.

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" H. W. JOHN'S CANADIAN ASBESTOS GOODS.

Cable Address: "MARINEWORK" Hongkong.

Telephone No. 358.

12, Beaconsfield Arcade, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [201]

Intimations.



The Bovril Bottle

is familiar in the homes of Britishers the world over—in Great Britain itself Bovril is looked upon as the great national "stand-by" in case of failing strength. Bovril is the very embodiment of nourishment. It imparts strength in a most effective manner, and is, at the same time, extremely palatable.



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YEBISU BEER.

Per Case of 8 Dozen Pints - - - \$15.50.

Sole Agents,

H. PRICE & CO.,

12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [36]

JOHN DEWAR SONS & Co., PERTH

WHISKY,

Extra Special \$16.00 per case 12/1

White Label \$24.00 " " 12/1

KRUSE & Co.

SOLE AGENTS.

CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1904. [39]

This space is reserved for

LONG, HING & Co.,

PHOTO GOODS DEALERS,

17E, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1904. [45]

ACHEE & CO.,

ESTABLISHED 1859.

祥利廣

FENDERS,

SCUTTLES,

FIRE HANDS,

WARMING STAIRS,

COOKING RANGES, Etc.,

BRASS AND IRON BEDSTEADS, BEDDINGS, BLANKETS, COUNTERPANES,

SHEETINGS, HOUSEHOLD LINENS, Etc.

17A, Queen's Road, Central. Telephone 256.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1905. [41]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

A. F. DAVIES,
Acting Manager.

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1905.

MACAO AND CANTON HOTELS.

A LITTLE CHANGE.

The round trip from HONGKONG to MACAO, thence to CANTON and back to HONGKONG, will be found interesting and enjoyable.

WM. FARMER, Prop.

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JAPAN

COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

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LONDON BRANCH—34, LIME STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

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Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.O. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Miike, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and SOLE AGENTS for Fujinotani, Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura, Onuma, Otsuji, Sasahara, Taubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yonokihara and other Coals.

S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong. [38]

Intimation.

WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

"ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,"
Des Vues Road.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT
FIRST FLOOR BY LIFT.

NOW ON SHOW

NEW LACE CURTAINS.

MUSLIN CURTAINS.

ART SATEENS
and many dainty

ART FABRICS
suitable for

HOUSE FURNISHING.

GENTLEMEN'S DEPARTMENT,
28, Queen's Road.
OPPOSITE THE CLOCK TOWER.

BOOTS! BOOTS! BOOTS!

A New Lot of
BROWN CALF
AND GLACE
KID BOOTS
JUST ARRIVED.
SMART SHAPES
AND FIRST-CLASS
QUALITY & FINISH.

New Half-Hose,
Silk Underwear,
and
Exclusive Neckwear.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1905. [35]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
WEDNESDAY,
the 22nd March, 1905, at 11 A.M., at Hop Yick's Godowns, West Point,
The following Merchandise—
No. 1 GODOWN—373 pieces Copper, 35 bags Rangoon Beans, 111 bags Cow's Hide Glue, 250 bags Brown Sugar Candy, 250 bags Dark Brown Sugar.
No. 2 GODOWN—5 bags Black Pepper.
No. 3 GODOWN—7,200 Sma'l Wood Stick.
No. 4 GODOWN—587 bags Star Flour, 64 bags Rangoon Beans, 52 bags Cow's Hide Glue.
No. 5 GODOWN—8 bags Black Pepper, 99 bags Ground Nut (no skin), 71 baskets Black Java Sugar, 194 bags Rangoon Wheat.
No. 6 GODOWN—174 bags Black Pepper, 222 bags Ground Nut (with skin).
No. 7 GODOWN—137 bags Ground Nut, 30 bales Tobacco Leaves, 35 bags Chinese Medicines, 223 bags Light Brown Sugar Candy, 57 bags Glutinous Rice.
No. 8 GODOWN—327 bags Sugar Candy.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [384]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from C. A. TOMES, Esq., to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
MONDAY,
the 27th March, 1905, at 1.30 P.M., within his residence, No. 1, Lough Hill, The Peak,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
THEREIN CONTAINED,
Comprising:—
SILK TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTELS with BEVELED GLASS, CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, BRUSSELS and TIENTSIN CARPETS, BRASS BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, PICTURES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, MARBLE BATH TUBS, &c., &c., &c.;
ALSO
One AMERICAN MARBLE REFRIGERATOR;
AND
A Great Quantity of PLANTS in Pots.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [377]

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK SALINGER will sign our firm per procurator during the absence from the Colony of Mr. H. E. TOMKINS.

REISS & Co.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1905. [363]

Entertainment.

CITY HALL.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

MR. EDWARD BRANSCOMBE'S
WESTMINSTER GLEE AND CONCERT PARTY
FROM LONDON.

FOUR CONCERTS ONLY.

FRIDAY, 24th March,
AND
MONDAY, 3rd April,
TUESDAY, 4th April,
AND
THURSDAY, 6th April.

Complete Change of Programme each Concert.

The Programmes include a unique collection of
NATIONAL BALLADS
of
England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales,
ALSO
GLEES, MADRIGALS AND CATCHES.
HUMOROUS MUSICAL SKETCHES,
BY
MR. DUDLEY CAUSTON.
MADAME MARIE HOOTON,
The Eminent English Contralto.
MR. EDWARD BRANSCOMBE,
The English Tenor.

FOUR BOY SOLO SOPRANOS,
Leading London Cathedral Chorists.

Box Plan ROBINSON PIANO Co.
Prices \$3, 2 and 1. Concert 9-11 P.M.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [361]

THE HONGKONG STUDIO.
HIGHER CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER,
41 & 43, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
TOP FLOOR.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS and ENLARGING and COPYING in all Sizes.

LARGE SELECTION OF VIEWS ALWAYS ON HAND.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1903. [59]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of the board of directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's hotel, at 12.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 28th March, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—In accordance with section 66 of the Articles of Association, the directors have had to submit their report for the half-year ended 31st December, 1904.

ACCOUNTS.

The profit on working account amounted to \$89,326.25 as compared with \$78,424.49 for the corresponding period of 1903, showing an increase of \$10,901.76.

The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$11,668.65 brought forward from 30th June, 1904, shows a credit balance of \$88,876.58, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. for the half-year.....\$60,000.00
To write off from value of furniture and fixtures.....12,092.92
To transfer to repairs and renewals account.....10,000.00
To write off from value of steam launch.....2,000.00
To write off from value of electric plant.....1,228.74
To carry forward to new account.....3,554.92

\$88,876.58

DIRECTORS.

Mr. E. Osborne retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election. Mr. R. C. Wilcox has been granted twelve months' leave of absence.

AUDIT.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Chairman.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE SHEET.
31st December, 1904.

Liabilities.

Capital—
12,000 shares at \$50 each (fully paid-up).....\$600,000.00
1,000 mortgage debentures (6 per cent) authorised issue, at \$50 each.....\$500,000.00
Less 270 ditto held by the Company.....135,000.00

365,000.00
Reserve fund, as per last account.....100,000.00
Sundry creditors.....35,479.20
Unclaimed dividends.....6,787.00
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (current account).....77,497.09
Profit and loss account, balance as per statement.....88,876.58

\$1,273,639.87

Assets.

Value of land and building as per last report:—
Marine Lot No. 5 and remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 3.....\$372,045.60
Remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 7.....368,108.20

\$740,153.80
Praya reclamation—
Cost of land.....22,390.42
New building on reclamation, payments on account.....256,256.02

278,646.44
Cost of three Chinese houses on sections B, C and D of Island Lot No. 80.....33,000.00
Value of furniture and fixtures, as per last account.....\$67,207.49
Less written off as per last report.....7,207.49

\$60,000.00
Since added.....2,092.92

62,092.92
Installation of electric light.....\$57,228.74
Less account from special reserve fund.....20,000.00

31,228.74
Stock of linen, crockery and glass-ware, &c.....41,663.00
Stock of wine, provisions, household sundries and stationery, as per inventories.....31,576.49
Shares in public companies.....5,796.31
Licenses attaching to 1905.....2,666.67

Value of steam launch as per last report.....7,000.00
Sundry debtors.....32,845.95
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (unclaimed dividends account).....6,787.00
Cash in hand.....182.55

\$1,273,639.87

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
For the six months ending 31st December, 1904.

To bad debts and refunds.....\$174.85
" crown rent.....501.40
" rates.....3,103.10
" fire insurance.....2,337.89
" debenture int. on \$500,000 at 1% =.....15,000.00
" less returned on debentures held by the Company.....4,630.87

10,369.13
" interest account.....1,983.65
" directors and auditors' fees.....3,200.00
" repairs and renewals.....874.77
" balance to be appropriated as follows:—
To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. =.....\$60,000.00
" transfer to repairs and renewals a/c.....10,000.00
" write off from value of furniture and fixtures.....12,092.92
" write off from value of steam launch.....2,000.00
" write off from value of electric installation.....1,228.74
" carry forward to new account.....3,554.92

88,876.58
\$111,422.57

Cr.
By balance from 30th June, 1904.....\$88,876.14
Less dividend at 10% =.....\$60,000.00
Less transfer to repairs and renewals a/c.....10,000.00
Less written off from furniture and fixtures account.....12,092.92

7,207.49
By rents of shops and offices, old building.....\$7,200.00
" rents of shops and offices, new buildings.....2,577.47

9,777.47
\$111,422.57

By dividend on shares in public companies.....497.00
scrip and transfer fees.....42.00
bad debts recovered.....25.20
profit on hotel working account for the six months ending 31st December, 1904.....89,326.25

\$111,422.57

REPAIRS AND RENEWALS ACCOUNT.
For the six months ending 31st December, 1904.

Dr.
To payments on account of repairs and renewals during the half-year ending 31st December, 1904.....\$12,699.52

\$12,699.52

Cr.
By balance from last account.....\$1,824.75
" transfer from profit and loss account, as recommended in last report.....10,000.00
" profit and loss account.....874.77

\$12,699.52

"THE END WAS NEAR."

FIVE YEARS OF ANÆMIC MISERY CURED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

Though most young women suffer in some form from Anæmia, few have endured such martyrdom as Miss Elizabeth Carpenter, of 1 Montgomery-street, Spark-brook, Birmingham, England.

"At the age of twenty-one," said she, "I was seized with dizziness and pains in the chest. My breath was distressingly short. I became very low-spirited. Life had no pleasure for me. I went to the Queen's Hospital, also to the General Dispensary, and for the next ten months was treated at these institutions, obtaining but little relief. At times my pains were excruciating. Then I began to attend the Women's Hospital, where I was told that Gastric Ulcer was the cause of all my trouble. Shortly after this I thought the end had come, for one Sunday morning I vomited a fearful quantity of blood, and for the next five weeks I lay helpless. After that I returned to my occupation, but really too ill to follow it. I was a perfect wreck: helpless and hopeless, I had almost gone beyond thinking I could ever be well again. But one day our baker suggested I should try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as he knew of several instances where they had been of great benefit. My mother purchased a bottle, and by the time I was nearing the end of it, a remarkable change had come over me. The veins in my hands began to look different; new blood was coming into them. And all over my body I could feel new life and strength coming. My appetite improved, the vomiting ceased, the pains in the stomach were less acute. By the time six bottles of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were taken I was an altered girl. And my cure is permanent, too. I never have the least sign of the old pain, and I feel as well and hearty as I could wish."

Mrs. Carpenter added: "Since Lizzie's wonderful recovery we all take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when not well. We would not be without them."

The twin ailments anæmia and indigestion, in Miss Carpenter's case, developed into that most dangerous complaint, gastric ulcer; with others they frequently lead to "decline" or consumption. But in both forms, the new rich blood supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enables sufferers to stay further progress of the disease and so regain strength. These pills have also cured innumerable cases of rheumatism, sciatica, St. Vitus' dance, paralysis, eczema and influenza, but are especially valuable in weaknesses of the weaker sex. Sent direct by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Holborn-viaduct, London, post free for 2s. 9d. a bottle (six for 13s. 9d.); but they can be obtained from medicine dealers, if you mention the full name (seven words), "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.
Selling.

London—Bank T.T.....1/10 5/16
Do. demand.....1 10/8
Do. 4 months' sight.....1 10 9/16
France—Bank T.T.....2 3/4
America—Bank T.T.....1 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.....1 1/2
India T.T.....1 1/2
Do. demand.....1 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.....7 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.....9 1/2
Java—Bank T.T.....11 1/2

Buying.
4 months' sight L/C.....1/10 11/16
6 months' sight L/C.....1/10 13 1/2
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York.....4 1/2
4 months' sight do.....4 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 1/10 15/16
4 months' sight France.....2 3/4
6 months' sight do.....2 3/4
4 months' sight Germany.....2 3/4
Bar Silver.....26 9/16
Bank of England rate.....2 1/2

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.
To-day's quotations are as follows:—

Malwa New.....@ 1 1/2
" Old.....@ 1 1/8
" Older.....@ 1 1/4
" Oldest.....@ 1 3/8

Patna New.....@ 1 1/3
Benares New.....@ 1 1/4
Persian (Paper).....@ 780/100

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. [322]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. [321]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1905, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, to SATURDAY, the 25th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1905. [349]

CAMPBELL, MOORE AND COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [373]

CANTON DISTRICT.
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 71.

{ Removal work at Canton River Barriers; precautions to be observed by passing vessels.

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 67, Notice is hereby given that the signals contained therein are annulled and that in future Warning and Danger signals in connection with removal work at the Barriers will be made as follows:—

A RED FLAG hoisted on a junk, steam launch or other craft in the neighbourhood of the Iron and Bridge Barriers, indicates a craft with high explosives on board.

TWO BLACK SPHERES hoisted on a junk in the vicinity of any of the Barriers, indicates, that danger would be caused to life and property by the wash of steamers.

This signal will be hoisted when a diver is down, when explosives are laid, or when a junk is so fast to the bottom or to piles, as to render the wash of a steamer dangerous.

Vessels approaching the Barriers should keep a careful look out for this signal, and, if hoisted, slow down to a sufficient distance to prevent her wash reaching the boat at work, and proceed dead slow until well past.

If owing to any reason it is unsafe for a vessel to pass the Iron Barrier, a RED TRIANGULAR SHAPE 6 feet in height will be hoisted on a staff at the Barrier light hut.

A vessel seeing this signal should on no account attempt to pass.

J. HOWELL MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
F. J. MAYERS,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Canton, 15th March, 1905. [385]

EMPLOYE DE COMMERCE, Agé de 29 ans, de nationalité Suisse, ayant déjà occupé d'importantes fonctions dans des grosses maisons, connaissant à fond de comptabilité en partie double, parlant couramment le Français, l'Allemand, le Hollandais, l'Italien et l'Anglais, désireait une situation dans l'une des villes de la Côte de Chine.

Trois bonnes références—Appointements: de 5 à 6,000 dollars par an. Ecrire aux initiales L. V. au journal "L'Opinion" de Saigon.

Saigon, le 2 Mars, 1905. [312]

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [356]

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BRANCHES:
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, HANKOW.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1905. [31]

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"THE CELEBRATED PIG BRAND STOUT"
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BARRETTO & Co.,
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Nos. 22 & 24, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [44]

Intimations.



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Hongkong, 25th February, 1905. [32]

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [35]

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BIRTHS.

On 21st January, at 8, Beaulieu Villas, Finsbury Park, London, N., the wife of C. E. STEWART, of a son.
On 16th March, Shanghai, at 137, Dudding Well Road, the wife of E. O. CUMMING, of a son.

DEATHS.

On 15th March, at his residence in Range Road, Shanghai, CLARENCE EUGENE FISKE, aged 43 years.
On 16th March, at his residence, 14, West End Lane, A. NELSEN, Shanghai, Upper Yangtze Pilot, aged 45 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1905.

KUROPATKIN'S RECALL.

After a gallant if apparently hopeless struggle against the Japanese forces in Manchuria, General Kuropatkin, of whom so much was expected, has been recalled to St. Petersburg, and the command of the Russian troops has been entrusted to General Linievitch. Few wars have presented such a holocaust of lost reputations as that now proceeding between Japan and Russia. Each general, in turn, left Russia amid a fanfare of trumpets—from Alexieff to Stoessel; each promised that Russia should never see him again, except as a modern Caesar, dragging his captives behind his chariot; or a fallen hero with a claim to the deathless regard of his compatriots. But Japanese tactics quickly put an end to such frothings, and now even Kuropatkin, who may have been more the sport of fortune than the victim of his own incompetence, follows the rest of his leaders to the more salubrious atmosphere of St. Petersburg. General Linievitch, who assumes the important though dangerous command of the Russian forces, hedged about by the indefatigable Japanese in the wilds of Manchuria, was probably first heard of by the outside world during the Boxer war, when he commanded the Siberian troops. He is 67 years of age, but is reported to be as active as a young man and immensely popular with the Siberians. When the war with Japan broke out, he was commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria, but was superseded by General Kuropatkin. According to the reports which have come to hand General Kuropatkin's recall was primarily due to a quarrel with General Gripenberg. There are two conflicting versions of the incident. According to one of them General Gripenberg complained to the Emperor that General Kuropatkin had refused to support his flanking movement, in view of which Gripenberg asked to be relieved. The Emperor, it is added, then telegraphed to Kuropatkin, asking for an explanation, in reply to which Kuropatkin wired that his health was shattered and requested permission to turn over his command to General Linievitch. According to the second and more commonly credited version of the affair, Kuropatkin complained to the Emperor that General Gripenberg undertook the flanking movement in defiance of order, and demanded the General's dismissal. Gripenberg was recalled, but it does not appear to have had a very satisfactory result so far as Kuropatkin's career was concerned. What with the Manchuria forces practically hemmed in on three sides, Rozhdestvensky's squadron sailing away into space, and the approach of summer, which will assist the Japanese when they come to deliver their next blow at Vladivostok, the position of the Russian army in the East is not a happy one. Again, while Russia speaks jauntily of the lunds at her disposal—although she has been ousted from every financial quarter in the world—the busy Japanese have managed to curry favour, not only with the American financiers, but also with German bankers, so that the question of raising another loan if satisfactory terms can be arranged, is assured beyond the shadow of a doubt. From all these portents, it would seem that the end of the struggle is in view, and there can be little question as to whom the honours will fall.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE opening ceremony of the Seoul-Fusan railway has been fixed for the 25th of May.

MR. Gilchrist, the Port Arthur engineer, has joined the firm of Wilson and Co., Tientsin.

THE Emperor has conferred the First Class Order of the Sacred Treasure on Sir Ian Hamilton.

THE Shanghai Spring Race Meeting will take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th May.

THE Emperor of Japan has already donated about a million yen to the families of men killed in the war.

MORE ammunition has been used in a single day in Manchuria than was required to fight the Spanish-American War.

MR. Friedrich von Syburg, the German Consul-General, was married at Yokohama to Miss Marie Kayser on the 7th inst.

LAST week a case of diphtheria, one of enteric fever, and one of small-pox were notified as having occurred in the colony.

THE Chinese merchants in Siam have petitioned the Wai Wu Pu to appoint Chinese Consuls to the ports where they reside.

SNOW fell in considerable quantities at Shanghai last week. It is ten years since the Settlement was visited by a snowfall so late in the season.

MR. J. H. Kemp, deputy registrar, took his seat in the second Court at the Magistracy today, but there was very little business to occupy the attention of either of their Worshipships.

THE Japanese Camphor Co. has proposed to establish a telephone system in the island of Kulangsu, Amoy. The Chinese authorities did not accede to the project owing to its menacing the interests of the Telegraph administration.

OWING to the interruption of the Great Northern Telegraph Company's cable between Hongkong and Shanghai the whole traffic has to be transmitted by the Eastern Extension Company's cable. Delay may therefore be expected.

A TELEGRAM from the Secretary to the Government of Burma to the Hongkong Colonial Secretary dated 17th inst. says "Continuation of my telegram dated 23th January, 'No. 12, restrictions against arrivals from Hongkong port removed.'"

OWING to the rough weather prevailing in the harbour on Saturday only one boat, the *Haldee*, turned out for the fourth race of the Yacht Club, for the Governor's Cup, and sailed by Messrs. Kew and Shepherd over the course around Futamun Island, won the event.

A WIRE to the *Shanghai Times*, of 16th inst. says:—An attempt was made last night to blow up the Kremlin, in Moscow. The damage was fortunately slight and only affected the outer walls. The culprits, despite urgent search, have managed to escape capture so far.

Messrs. Miscellaneous for the week ended 11th inst. contains a very interesting article on the varieties of food in China describing in detail a banquet table and contents laid ready for eight persons. There is much other instructive matter embodied in the pages of this familiar pamphlet.

MESSRS. E. W. H. James, W. F. Donaldson and T. A. Griffiths have joined the Volunteer artillery. Bombardier C. H. Blason has resigned. Messrs. N. J. Stabb and M. Stewart have joined the Volunteer Troop. Trooper J. Hastings has been granted leave of absence from the Colony for ten months. Trooper G. Marshall has resigned.

IN the billiard match, Y. M. C. A. European Department v. Chinese Department, on Saturday, the former won every game, while in a match between Mr. J. H. Oxberry, winner of the European Department handicap tournament and Mr. Tan Boon Leung, winner of the Chinese Department handicap tournament, the latter won by 37 in a game of 300 up.

THE annual inspection by the G.O.C. of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps will take place at Head Quarters next Saturday, the 25th inst., at two p.m. There was a rehearsal on Saturday, when the men, armed with new short rifles, paraded at Head Quarters at 2.30 p.m., and marched to the Polo ground, where they were joined by eighteen members of the Volunteer Troop.

THE C. P. R. steamer *Athenian*, which recently arrived here brought 400 tons of naval stores for the dockyard at Hongkong, having called at the naval station at Esquimaux to obtain the stores. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Admiralty have ordered Commander J. E. C. Goodrich, commanding the Pacific squadron to haul down his flag at Esquimaux and return to England with his staff. This is taken to signify that Esquimaux will cease to be a naval station.

A few particulars as to the programme presented by the Westminster Glee and Concert Party, who are giving a concert here on Friday, may be of interest. The part music will include the following—Madrigals, "Now is the Month of Maying," composed so long ago as the sixteenth century, by Thomas Morley; "This Pleasant Month of May," William Beale (1815); Glee: "Oh, By Rivers," Sir Henry Bishop; "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower," William Kneyvet (1779-1856); "When Allen-a-Dale Went a-Hunting," R. L. de Pearsall (1795-1856); in addition to such modern part songs as "The Dawn of Day," Samuel Reay; Sweet and Low," Sir Joseph Barnby; and "Oh, Hush Thee, My Baby," Sir Arthur Sullivan. In the solo department such old and familiar favourites as "The Oak and the Ash," "Down the Burn," "The Laird of Cockpen," "The Ash Grove," "Killarney," "Oft in the Silly Night," "The Meeting of the Waters," "Loch Lomond," and others will find a place, the whole scheme affording an opportunity not often met with for rekindling memories of the Old Country.

PROVIDED at least fifty Volunteers signify their intention of joining, the proposed Volunteer Rifle Club will be started. It will, in such case, be decided at the next meeting whether the annual subscription be \$3 or \$5.

DURING the past few days, Hongkong has been experiencing the first effects of the rainy season. On Saturday, it rained during the greater part of the day, and yesterday torrents of rain, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder, fell over the island, with the result that the streets were practically deserted. To-day there has been a slight cessation in the rainfall, but there seems little prospect that it is likely to be permanent. Occasional showers drenched the streets and the ricksha and chair-coolies did a roaring business. The reservoirs should be well up to the high level mark now, so that householders who may be rather tired of the wet weather have the consolation of feeling that a water famine is highly improbable this year.

Two curious accidents occurred on the tram line yesterday evening, at the Praya East, near No. 2 Police Station. In the first a Chinese woman persistently walked along the road between the lines, carrying two empty baskets, and ignoring the warning gong of the car until it was close upon her, going dead slow, when she jumped to one side in such a way that her bamboo pole bumped against the front of the car, and sent her sprawling face downwards into the mud. She was much more frightened than hurt, as she fell clear of the car, but when she picked herself up, her language was shocking. A passenger in the car advised her to go home and take a bath and that added fuel to the fires of her wrath! The second accident occurred a little further up and was caused by a ricksha puller trying to pass on the outside, or wrong side, of the car, with the result that a collision occurred, the impact causing the near wheel to skid over the wall and ricksha puller, and Chinese fare were all precipitated on to the beach below. Fortunately the tide was out at the time, so all the damage done was a severe shaking for the puller and his fare, and a slightly damaged ricksha wheel and hood.

NEWCHWANG.

Messrs. Bandinel & Co. write as follows in their Market Report dated the 6th instant:—

The cur traffic during the war has been seriously affected by warlike operations; and stocks in port are estimated at the following:—

Beans, Yellow and Green	480,000 piculs
Small	2,400 "
Green	1,600 "
Bean Oil	47,000 "
Large Milet	30,000 "
Small	3,000 "
General Cargo	4,000 ppls.

Besides which about 100,000 piculs of beans have been shipped from Chingwantao.

Stocks of beans at the principal depots in the interior are estimated at 1,735,000 piculs, and it is feared that the quantity available before next fall, including stocks now in port will not exceed 3,000,000 piculs.

Owing, among other causes, to the depreciated value of transfer money, prices are higher than ever before. We quote:—

Beans, Green and Yellow, per 3 piculs.	14.50
Small	24.00
Green	14.00
Large Milet	13.00
Small	13.00
Beans	13.00
Beans	17.50
Bean Oil	15.00
Exchange—Transfer Taels	1,000=Shanghai Taels 712.

Premium on Sycee—Tls. 33 per shoe.

The temperature during the last six weeks has been low, and the ice is fairly thick.

We do not therefore think the ice will break before the 23rd or at earliest the 18th inst.; allowing then a week or ten days for the ice to clear away, and considering the scarcity of lighters we cannot advise steamers to come here before the 25th inst., and those who wait until the 31st will probably lose little time.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD.

In delivering judgment in re the petition for the reduction of the capital of the National Bank of China (Limited), Mr. Justice Farwell said that the petition was opposed by only 44 holders of the founders' shares, though, of course, they were entitled to be heard, and it was for the Court to see that they were not unduly oppressed. The first point taken was that there was an express bargain that the holders of the founders' shares should not be interfered with. He did not think that was the true construction. The general power to reduce capital was not intended to be limited, and the protection of the founders' shares was left to the Court. Then it was said there was no sufficient evidence of loss of capital. That was a matter for expert evidence; and the experts for the company far outweighed the experts on the other side. There was no doubt that, owing to the fall in the value of the dollar, the company had lost the amount of capital alleged. As for the goodwill, he could not see that a company which over 12 years had paid an average of only a little over 1 per cent, could be said to have a valuable goodwill. The real objection to the scheme was that it was not fair and equitable. The observations made by Mr. Justice Stirling in "In re London and New York Investment Corporation" (1895) 2 Ch., at p. 867 exactly fitted the present case. His Lordship could see no hardship in wiping out the founders' shares. These shares would get nothing until 8 per cent. was paid on the ordinary shares, and there was no reasonable prospect that the ordinary shares would ever reach that level. Nor could he see any object in keeping just a shred of life in the founders' shares in order that they might have a hope for the future. The company might want new capital, which they could not secure without getting rid of the founders' shares. He was convinced that the scheme would do no injustice, and the prayer of the petition must be granted.

HONGKONG'S SHIPPING.

THE PROSPECTS FOR 1905.

GLOOMY TIMES FEARED FOR SHIPOWNERS.

The imminent opening of the ice-bound ports in the north has led shipowners and brokers to speculate anxiously on the prospects during the ensuing year. As a general rule, those engaged in the trans-shipment of goods to the northern ports can tell pretty accurately the probable condition of things which will prevail during the year, but on this occasion so much dubiety exists, and so little of the exact state of affairs can be foreshadowed, that it is difficult to arrive at a perfectly sound estimate, and that is what worries those interested in the shipping trade.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. Hongkong, perhaps more than any other distributing centre, is profoundly concerned with the prospects for 1905. Among the questions which have to be considered in this connection are the state of the crops; the tonnage at the disposal of shippers, the state of the freight market, and above all the probability of peace, being concluded between Japan and Russia. The last point is of the greatest importance, and the opinions of a ship broker in the city may be of interest not only to those who are primarily connected with the shipping of the port, but all who are concerned with the welfare of the Colony.

IF PEACE BE CONCLUDED. "Should peace be concluded shortly," he said, "Japan will still require the services of the large mercantile fleet which she took over at the beginning of the war. It will be necessary to provide provisions for the troops in Manchuria, to employ transports for the return of the troops to Japan, and to maintain a regular system of communication between the base and the scene of operations. That will have the effect of keeping a large amount of tonnage out of competition with the regular steamship service from Hongkong and other ports, but it may not last for any length of time."

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE.

"Then when that stage has been passed we can only look forward to bad times?" "That is the opinion of most people who have been trying to solve the question in Hongkong. Even at the present time, freights are exceedingly low, due to the fact that there is an exceptionally large amount of tonnage in the East. Norwegian boats have been coming out all the time. Old boats that could not be employed at home were filled up with coal and sent to the East, in the hope that they would get a charter by hook or by crook; and the result is that a great deal of tonnage will be prepared to accept freights at the lowest figure possible. That means bad business for shipowners at home and shipping firms here."

NEWCHWANG ICEBOUND.

"Newchwang has been icebound up till to-day or to-morrow. We have that information from the Chinese, who are most reliable authorities on the subject. Boats have been going up since a fortnight ago, but so far they have not found any freight to take back on account of the high price of produce—beans and bean cakes, for example."

VLADIVOSTOCK CLOSED.

"How does Vladivostock stand?" "Until the fall of Port Arthur vessels were going up all the time to Vladivostock. The Japanese could not look after Port Arthur and Vladivostock at the same time, so they concentrated their attention on Port Arthur. All a ship had to do then was to telegraph to Vladivostock that she was coming up north and might be expected at Vladivostock on a certain day. When that day arrived the Russians would send out their steam ice-breaker which would make a passage for the cargo-boat and the goods would be landed. But that is all done away with now. The Japanese are watching for vessels going to Vladivostock and the last vessel that left Hongkong for that destination was promptly captured—I mean the *Scutiman*."

PREMATURITY TO FORECAST.

Continuing, the speaker said that it was difficult from any point of view to forecast the shipping prospects. He quoted from a circular issued by Messrs. Lamke and Rogge in which it was stated:—"As regards Northern ports, it is premature to form any correct idea as to opening rates. It is said, that local companies' boats are holding out for 40 cents per picul Newchwang/Canton and it entirely depends on produce being scarce or otherwise, whether that figure will be procurable. The weather has been unusually cold of late and it is quite possible that Newchwang may be ice-bound up to the end of the present month." On the whole, however, it was not necessary to be too pessimistic, and the first view, which had been entertained that 1905 should prove a good year for Hongkong shipping need not yet be discarded. A variety of circumstances may arise to benefit the Colony's trade, and ensure the prosperity of the port for another year at least.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

English (*Simla*) 24th inst, 6 a.m.
American (*Coptic*) 26th inst.
German (*Prinz Regent Luitpold*) 28th inst.
Canadian (*Tartar*) 29th inst.
German (*Prinz Eitel Friedrich*) 29th inst.

The China Mutual s.s. *Tenhai* left Singapore on 18th inst., and is due here on 24th inst.
The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Heinrich*, which left here 23, 15th inst., arrived at Shanghai on 18th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Regent Luitpold* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on 19th inst., and may be expected here on 28th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Simla* left Singapore for this port on 18th inst., at 5 p.m., with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on 24th inst., at 6 a.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m., on 19th inst., and left again at 10.30 a.m., same day, for Nagasaki where she is due to arrive at 7 a.m., on 21st inst.

TELEGRAM.

THE WAR.

KAIYUAN OCCUPIED.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, kindly forwards us the following telegram:—
Tokio, March 20th, 11.30 a.m.

At 4 a.m., on the 19th inst., our detachment occupied Kaiyuan, twenty miles north of Tiching.

The enemy afterwards attempted a counter-attack, but was repulsed.

The enemy burnt bridges on the main road south of Kaiyuan and also destroyed a part of the railway bridge.

A number of Russian guns were found buried near Mukden.

LAND SALES.

This afternoon at the office of the Public Works Department, by order of H. E. the Governor, the auction was held of one lot of Crown land at Barker Road, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at the expiration thereof for a further period of 75 years at a ground rent to be fixed by the Surveyor to His Majesty the King. This lot is registered as Rural Building Lot No. 121, and contains 29,416 square feet, and carries an annual rent of \$168. The upset price was \$3,530.

There was no competition and the lot was knocked down to Messrs Denison, Ram and Gibbs, who purchased the same for building purposes, on behalf of Captain J. T. Douglas, the price being \$3,530.

Other lots disposed of were Inlands Lots Nos. 1,733 to 1,737, situated in the Chaukiwan Road, near Tai Hang village, each containing 300 square feet, and paying \$3 annual rent, the upset prices being \$90 for each lot. These lots were bought by Chinamen, whose lots they adjoin at \$100 each.

THE DISPUTED BISCUIT CASE.

JUDGMENT.

At the Civil Summary Court this morning, the Puisne Judge (Mr. T. Sercombe Smith) gave judgment in the case of the Hip Loong firm of wholesale bakers against the proprietors of the Café Weissmann. The plaintiffs claimed \$648 being the value of 10,800 pounds of biscuits which defendants declined to take delivery of, claiming that they were not up to sample.

His Honour, in the course of a lengthy judgment, found for the plaintiffs with costs.

BRITISH SHIPMASTER FOUND DEAD.

IN A QUEEN'S ROAD HOTEL.

A mysterious occurrence took place yesterday morning at the Stag Hotel in Queen's Road, Central, when Percy S. West, a master mariner, and late in command of the s.s. *Shun Lee*, was found dead in his bed in No. 12 room, under circumstances which cannot be definitely stated until after an inquest has been held by the Coroner. The facts of the case point to its being one of suicide. It appears that, on the 14th inst., the deceased went to the Stag Hotel with a small quantity of luggage, and said he wanted to engage a room for a few days. The manager told him he could be accommodated, but the rule of the hotel was that casual visitors were expected to pay for the accommodation. Deceased paid for four days, and was then assigned No. 12 room on the second floor. On the 15th inst., after going out, he did not reappear, but on the 16th he returned to the hotel, looking very dishevelled, and it was subsequently learned that he had been locked up and fined \$2 for being drunk and incapable in Queen's Road. As he continued drinking during the day the Manager of the hotel gave orders that he was not to be served with any more liquor, so he went out and got it outside, and was generally more or less under the influence of liquor up to the 18th inst. As the time for which deceased had paid had expired at 3 p.m. on that date, and he was locked up in his room, at 4 p.m. the Manager went upstairs and knocked at the door, with the intention of ascertaining whether deceased intended to prolong his stay, but receiving no answer to his knocks, he concluded that he was sleeping off the effects of his drinking and left him alone till the next morning, when, at eight o'clock, the room boy knocked at the door. No reply being forthcoming, he went away, and returned again at 9 a.m., but his knocking and calling failing to elicit any response the manager was called and telephoned to the police. They instructed him to do nothing until their arrival and when Inspector Smith came the door was opened by means of an iron bar inserted through the ventilator, the room was entered and Mr. West was found dead in his bed, the body being quite cold, as if death had ensued some hours back. A big bottle, which had contained laudanum and believed to have been taken from the medicine chest of his late steamer, was found on a table near by. A search was made among the deceased's effects, but no money was found either there or on his person. The deceased, who was some forty-two years of age, was believed to have been married, and it is understood his wife is now in England. The usual inquest will be held at an early date.

An excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music, with comic dramatic sketches has been arranged to take place in the old Chamber of Commerce room in the City Hall to-morrow, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The entertainment is being given under the auspices of the Masonic Quadrille Club, and the energetic president, Mr. H. Wolfe, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Highby, have been indefatigable in their efforts to organise the musical talent and make this smoker a complete success.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's]

Kurapatkin's Successor.

LONDON, 17th March.
Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent wires that General Kurapatkin has been relieved of the functions of Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in Manchuria, and is succeeded by General Linievitch.

It is reported that General Kurapatkin is already en route to St. Petersburg.

18th March.
The report that General Kurapatkin has started for St. Petersburg is confirmed. General Linievitch has assumed command of the Russian forces in Manchuria.

The "Knight-Commander" and "Hipsang."

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent wires that Russia is considering her reply to the British Note regarding the *Knight-Commander* claim, and that she will not now suggest arbitration.

Heavy damages are also claimed by Great Britain for the loss of the s.s. *Hipsang*.

A Russian Consolation.

A consolation has been caused at St. Petersburg by the publication of a newspaper article from the pen of Prince Metchersky, one of the most influential of the reactionary party, urging the immediate conclusion of peace with Japan and saying:—"Our alternatives in a continuation of the war are without hope, and with the certainty of internal shipwreck, whereas the termination of the war would be followed by the salvation of our country through its renovation. The conditions obtainable now are better than they will be when, Vladivostok and Saghalien are in the hands of the Japanese."

The Battle of Tieling.

Newspaper despatches received from St. Petersburg estimate the Russian casualties at the battle of Tieling at 19,000 and state that General Kurapatkin was obliged to abandon his stores and eighty guns.

Funds for Japan.

If satisfactory terms can be arranged, a number of New York bankers have signified their readiness to participate with German financiers in bringing out a Japanese loan.

Rozhdestvensky's Fleet.

Reuter's Antananarivo correspondent wires that Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron left Nossi Bé, Madagascar, on Thursday, and that its destination is unknown.

Russian's Finances.

It is officially announced that Russian's gold reserve yesterday stood at 1,349,000,000 roubles, against circulating credit notes of 903,000,000 roubles, and that the amount legally required to cover these is only 602,000,000 roubles.

[N. C. N. News.]

A Possible Stand at Kaiyuan.

Tokio, 15th March.
There are indications that the Russians wounded are being constantly transported north of Tieling. The exhausted Russians are retreating to Kaiyuan, twenty-five miles north of Tieling, apparently intending to make a stand there.

General Kurapatkin reports that an examination of prisoners showed that General Nogi was with the Japanese force which occupied Mukden.

A General Wounded.

General Tseribitzki, Commander of the Tenth Army Corps, is reported wounded.

Dropping the Attaches.

The Japanese have picked up Captain Ayres, R. N., the American military surgeon Herbert, and Captain Judson, who were attached to the Russian army. They are being sent to Kobe to-day from Liaoyang.

THE "EMPRESS" AND "HANG TAI" COLLISION.

With reference to the case of the *Hwang Tai*, a Chinese warship, which had been heard at the British Supreme Court, judgment was given for the plaintiff, with damages. Subsequently, not satisfied with the judgment, the defendants, appealed to London, and the Chinese Government therefore again engaged prominent lawyers there. According to the latest information, Counsel for the shipping company proposed to pay damages at half of the estimate of the *Hwang Tai*, namely, at £15,000. To this effect the Shanghai Tao-tai communicated with Viceroy Chou Fu of Liangkiang, but the latter, it is understood, has not yet given his consent, and has ordered the legal adviser to the Chinese Government in Nanyang to bring the case to a satisfactory conclusion.—*Sinwau-pao*.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 20th at 12.10 p. Yesterday afternoon a depression, which has probably moved towards NE., was lying to the West of the Loochoos.

The barometer has fallen in Hongkong and Weihaiwei.

Pressure continues relatively high over N. China and gradients are apparently moderate for NE winds along the China coast, and slight with variable winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—NE winds, moderate; rainy with thunder.

Except from Weihaiwei there are no returns from the China coast and Japan this morning.

THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The business of the Sessions was continued at the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry S. Berkeley) presiding.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON A SERGEANT.

Wong Kwong Fi, Li Fat and Chun Chi were indicated for committing a violent attack in a Chinese Police-Sergeant in the New Territory on the night of January 31st last.

They pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were empanelled:—Messrs. J. D. Kinard (foreman), F. W. White, C. Lanahan, Erich George, A. G. Coppin, H. D. Bell, and Dhunjibhoy S. D. Butjor.

The Hon. the Attorney General (Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C.) briefly opened the case, and called Sergeant Fan Ching who said that on the day in question he was stationed at utau in the New Territory. On that date he was at Anlung where there was a temple known as Fak Tai. He saw a man running out of the temple, and followed and caught. He found the man was carrying three boxes of opium and a pair of scales. He arrested him and proceeded to take him to the police station, having to pass the temple to do so. Whilst on the way, he attacked from behind by the three prisoners who demanded the release of the prisoner. He refused, whereupon they set about him and pulled him to the ground and struck him many times. They stopped up his mouth with earth and grass, after he had blown his whistle, and then they took away his whistle and revolver. He was then stabbed many times in the face, ears and hands. He became unconscious, and when he came to he was in the Police Station, and afterwards removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He had known all the prisoners before. It was a little after half past six when the attack took place. The first prisoner was the keeper of the temple, and on one occasion he remonstrated with him for allowing so many bad characters to congregate there.

Dr. Laing spoke to attending the last witness at the Aunau police station. He found from ten to fifteen stabs on the head; both upper eye-lids were cut through and he had to stitch them; his head was twice its normal size from the violence he had received. Altogether he had to put eight stitches in his face. Beyond the fact that his right ear was deformed, he was now quite recovered. He had to remain six weeks in the Hospital. He would think from the position of the wounds, all near the eyes, that the object of the assailants was to blind the man.

Sergeant Perkins deposed to being on patrol duty on the night in question, when he heard groans from the roadside. He went in the direction from whence the sounds proceeded and found the prosecutor lying in a small pit about two feet deep surrounded by prickly bushes. He took him to the police station, where he was attended to. The following morning he made an examination of the scene, and found the sergeant's whistle and the holster of his revolver. There were signs of a very severe struggle, and marks in the road where they had dragged the body about. In the temple he found the sergeant's umbrella.

Chen Tak, a police constable at Aunau police station, spoke to arresting the prisoners in the temple the day following the assault. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson said that on the 7th February, the prisoners and eight others were taken to the Hospital, and out of the lot he unhesitatingly picked out the first and second prisoners, and later identified the third.

All the accused made long defences denying that they took any part in the attack. His Lordship summed up, and said there could be no doubt that the persons who committed this assault did so with intent to maim and it was quite certain that but for the timely and very skillful assistance of Dr. Laing, the unfortunate sergeant would in all probability have lost his eyesight, for his eyelids had been deliberately cut across. He thought the jury would not be justified in finding the third prisoner guilty on account of the failure of the sergeant to at once pick him out at the Hospital. The Attorney General had also agreed to withdraw the charge.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against the first and second prisoners.

His Lordship then charged the prisoner Chu Chi. With regard to the other (who stoutly protested their innocence), he sentenced them to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive twenty-four strokes with the birch on entrance to the gaol.

ANOTHER BRUTAL ARMED ATTACK.

Lo Po Shing and Lo Yee were indicted for committing a violent assault upon one Pang Lee with intent to steal, each of them being armed with choppers and bludgeons, on the 12th February last.

They pleaded not guilty and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. D. E. Clark (foreman), J. Benjamin, J. Tatam, W. F. Muat, T. E. Collinge, G. C. Engel, and J. Cruickshank.

The Hon. the Attorney General prosecuted and called Pang Lee, the prosecutor. He said he was a ship chandler, and supplied groceries to small junks and fishing boats. He tried to collect a sum of money from a junk owner, a woman, but she could not pay him. Her junk was leaving that day for the place he was going so he took passage by her. He slept in the hold, and in the middle of the night he was woke up by the first prisoner who demanded money. He told him he had none whereupon he commenced to search him. He objected when he drew a chopper and cut him on the shoulder. His ear was also cut in the struggle. The second prisoner had come up armed with a formidable looking bludgeon with which he belaboured witness on the back and side. The prisoners afterwards wanted to get the junk away in another direction but the rest of those on board brought the junk back to Hongkong, and the prisoners were given into custody.

Chung Loo, the woman who owned the junk, spoke to being called on the night in question to the hold where the assault had taken place. She saw the first prisoner cut

Pang Lee with the chopper, and the second prisoner strike him with the bludgeon.

Dr. Laing spoke to receiving the first witness on the 12th February at the Hospital. He had a wound five inches long on his shoulder, another on the bend of the left elbow, four and a half inches long, and a third two inches long, on the upper lip.

At this stage the Court adjourned for lunch. On resuming, the sister of the last witness, who was on the junk at the time, gave similar evidence regarding the assault. She saw both men use the weapons, produced, upon the prosecutor.

Sergeant Appleton gave evidence of arrest. He found on board, the wounded prosecutor, and had him sent to the Hospital.

A sergeant interpreter at Yaumati Police Station said the prisoners made statements when they were brought in, which he wrote down. Both men put their marks to the documents. The first prisoner in his statement alleged that he did not assault the prosecutor, but said it was the second prisoner. The second prisoner denied the assault, and said the injuries were caused by the first prisoner.

Further statements made by the accused totally denying the charge were put in and read. The first prisoner now said that the women of the junk owed him \$100 wages, and a gold ring and wanted to get rid of him. The prosecutor kept three women, and they had all come forward to tell lies against him.

His Lordship, having briefly summed up, the jury found the prisoners guilty, and they were sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, each to the receive twenty-four strokes of the birch rod on entering the gaol.

DARING GANG ROBBERY.

Wong Yau Fat was indicted for the robbery of money and jewellery from a large number of people, whom, by threats, he put in grave bodily fear.

He pleaded guilty, and was ordered to stand back for sentence.

In connection with the case Cheung Mak Sang, and Yau Kiu were indicted on the same charge, of stealing and house breaking, and putting in bodily fear a large number of people on the 22nd February, in the New Territory.

Mr. H. G. Calthrop prosecuted on behalf of the Hon. the Attorney General.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following were sworn jurors:—Messrs. J. McArthur (foreman), M. P. Beattie, C. G. Bruckner, T. E. Collinge, F. E. C. George, P. A. Cunningham and C. Lanahan.

Wong Yau Fat, the prisoner mentioned above, said that on the day of the robbery, six men, including the prisoners, came to him and said they would like to take him to a place where he could make a fortune. He thought they meant to go somewhere to have a gamble so he went with them. After visiting several ten saloons he asked them what they intended to do, did they want him to go robbing? The first prisoner said "No," and urged him on. Some time later they came to the house of the first prisoner, where he made a bamboo ladder, and told witness they were going to rob a little distance from where they then were. Witness said he would not go. The prisoners and four others who were there told him if he did not come after having walked ten miles, they would stone him to death, and bury him in a nullah. He was so much afraid that he followed them. They came shortly afterwards to a house which they surrounded, and eventually three men who had got on to the roof jumped down into the house, and bound all the inmates. He, with the two prisoners stood outside the door, and did not go into the house.

The men inside the house then came out carrying a lot of articles. The men not in custody gave him some of the goods and told him to run with them as fast as he could. He refused when the first prisoner called him a coward, and struck him with a bamboo. Later on he started off with the goods to the pre-arranged meeting place, and was later joined by the other six men. They all began to scold him and said he was not entitled to any of the booty. Afterward, however, they gave him a gold coin, and some small things, and ordered him to clear out. On his way home in Kowloon, he was carrying a silver bangle and some of the stolen property when he was stopped by a policeman who wanted to know how he came by it. Thinking he might be ill-treated he made a clean breast of all that happened.

The owner of the robbed house spoke to being badly assaulted. He recognised the last witness and the second prisoner as being two of the party. He had known the first prisoner a long time, but did not see him there that night. The amount of money they stole that night would amount to \$350, including \$100 in American gold pieces. They, the inmates of the house, remained tied up all night. When he went to the Police Station the next morning, he found the two men in the dock and the first witness in custody. He identified a quantity of clothing which had been stolen from his house.

An inmate of the house, related to the owner, was called and identified the second prisoner as being one of the robbers. He picked him out of a large number of men at the Police Station, having distinctly seen his face in the house by the light of a torch. He had known the first prisoner for a long time, but they were not related, though both had the same surname.

Two women inmates of the house spoke to the robbery, one being knocked down and robbed of two silver bangles.

A native constable spoke to arresting the prisoner Wong carrying stolen goods. From what he told him he went to the house of the first prisoner and there found property which was identified by the prosecutor.

Statements made by prisoners when charged were put in and read.

Prisoners now denied the charges. His Lordship summed up, and the jury found the prisoners guilty. His Lordship sentencing them to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and 24 strokes of the birch on entering the gaol.

The prisoner Wong Yau Fat, who informed on the others was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and 12 strokes of the birch.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow at half past ten.

HONGKONG-MANILA LINE.

RUMOURED COMPETITION BY A MANILA STEAMSHIP CO.

Rumours have lately gained currency in Hongkong to the effect that another line of steamers was about to enter into competition with the several lines at present keeping up direct communication between Hongkong and Manila.

It was stated, further, that the Compania Maritima of Manila, for whom Messrs. Barretto & Co. are the local agents, was the company concerned in this new venture and that the first of the new competing boats would leave Hongkong about the end of March. With the object of ascertaining the amount of truth in these rumours, which seemed very circumstantial at a first glance Mr. Botelho, of Messrs. Barretto & Co., was interviewed. He stated that while it was perfectly true that a steamer of the Compania Maritima's line was about to leave Hongkong for Manila, he was not aware that there was any intention of entering into competition with the existing steamship lines running between Hongkong and Manila. Indeed, he could not say whether the *Venus*, which is at present in Hongkong harbour, and will leave for Manila on the 24th inst.,—being the first Compania Maritima's boat to proceed on the run—would be permanently engaged on the passage.

The Compania Maritima have a fleet of vessels which are of considerable size and the firm is very well-known in the Philippines. The *Venus*, a vessel of about 1,000 tons, is expected to leave on Friday for Manila with a general cargo. Passengers will also be booked for the voyage, and to show that no idea of competing with the other shipping companies was entertained Mr. Botelho observed that the charges for freight and passenger tickets on the *Venus* would be the same as those being exacted by other liners. The question of establishing a new line, however, is still a possibility which may prove a fact in the very near future, the idea probably being that the *Venus* will make a trial run between Hongkong and Manila with the object of determining the prospects of success in the new project. Whether that be so or not the fact remains that the *Venus* is engaged on a new line of duty, and the only question at issue is with reference to the permanency of her trips from Hongkong to Manila.

THE "SULLY."

UNRELIABLE REPORTS AS TO HER CONDITION.

News was brought to Hongkong the other day by passengers on the steamship *Hongkong*, which has just arrived from Tonkin, that the French cruiser *Sully* still remains on the rocks at Haiphong, but that efforts were to be made with the object of towing the vessel into deep water and bringing her to Hongkong for repairs. On reference being made to M. Liebert, the French Consul at Hongkong, he characterised the report as being utterly without foundation. "This is the second time," he observed, "that the *Hongkong* has brought information which cannot be depended upon. If that report about the *Sully* being still on the rocks and that it was intended to bring her to Hongkong were true, I should have heard of it. So far I have no definite news beyond what has appeared in the French papers published in Indo-China."

HONGKONG AND FISCAL REFORM.

Commenting upon the resolution brought forward by the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and his remarks thereon, the *Yankee Chronicle* says that at the time the plebiscite approving Mr. Chamberlain's proposals was passed we ventured to point out this very consideration, and it is interesting now to observe that the Chamber of Commerce has become aware of the damage that might be done to the interests of Hongkong if the policy of Free-trade which has made that place the greatest port in the Far East should be departed from. In effect it would seem that the Hongkong merchants, while holding with Mr. Chamberlain's proposals as a pious opinion, are anxious to avoid any possible personal damage that might be done by them. The people of Hongkong may, it seems, rightly be called upon to endure the taxation of food if "Imperial" interests are thus to be served; but the merchants of Hongkong would like to consider very closely any scheme which may affect their particular interests before giving assent to it. Objection was raised at the meeting to the resolution on the ground that the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce was a cosmopolitan body, and it was as if the Government was asked to submit proposals affecting the British Empire to merchants some of whom were not British, but the resolution was eventually carried with only four dissentients.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

Members of the above Association used the new short rifle for the first time on Saturday and found it to give satisfaction. The weather was miserable, yet fifty members turned up at the Kings Park range, when shooting at 500 yards produced an average per round, much higher than usual, the principal scores, out of a possible 35, being follows:—E. Dougherty 32.25; J. C. Gow 31.30; W. Goddell 30.25; W. H. Boyce 31; W. H. Wickham 30.25; H. W. Robertson 30.25; W. H. T. Davis 29.27; T. P. Crichton 28.25; J. H. Pidgeon 28.25; J. J. Stubbings 28.21; E. A. Irving 28.21; P. N. H. Jones 28.20; W. Dobbs 28; W. L. Carter 27.27; A. W. Whitlow 26.21; A. G. Newington 26.21; A. J. Williams 25.21; J. Douglas 25.21; A. Brown 25.21; Rev. C. H. Hickling 24.23; E. W. Terry 24; W. T. Edwards 24.23; E. W. Dawson 24.20; T. Gray Scott 24; J. Whittall 23.22; Hon. Mr. F. H. May, 23.21; A. C. Macmillan 22.21; and H. W. Fraser 21.

SHIPPING JETSAM.

The British steamer *Argus* is reported sold to Japanese.

A fire broke out at Kobe on the P. & O. chartered steamer *Adala* on the 8th, the loss being estimated at ¥10,000.

The British steamer *Hensley*, 2,311 tons gross, has been sold to a Tokio buyer for ¥80,000 and renamed the *Tainan Maru*.

The Japanese have chartered from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire two steamers, *Anhui* and the *Chenan*, both 2,400 tons each, for a period of three months at \$14,000 per month, a reckoning of \$6 per ton.

According to the *Shanghai Times*, the American s.s. *Tucoma* was bound for Vladivostok with contraband when it became ice locked off Hokaido, and was captured by the Japanese cruisers on the 14th inst.

The Russian steamer *Progress* which ran down and sank the N. Y. K. S. *Tokai Maru*, drowning 150 people, near Hakodate, in October, 1913, is to be sold by auction to repay the Hakodate Dock Co. the cost of repairing her.

The Master of the s.s. *Esing*, from Tientsin, reports that on the 15th inst. he passed within a cable's length of two floating mines, one being in Lat. 37° 29' 30" N., Long. 122° 32' 30" E., and the other in Lat. 37° 9' 15" N., Long. 122° 45' 2" E.

After several days had work, the fire on board the coal laden steamship *Heathburn* has been quenched and the cargo is now well saturated with water to prevent further outbreaks. The extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained, but it is not believed to be very great. The vessel is aground near the entrance to the Pasig river.

The Board of Commerce in Peking has instructed Sheng Kung Jiao to devise means for the establishment of a China Merchants Inland Steam Navigation Company to counteract foreign enterprises in that direction. He has also consulted the different provinces in this matter in order to secure united and uniform action.—*Ex.*

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE LIST.

3.20 p.m.
Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts' quotations to-day are subject to the following further alterations:—
China Sugars... ..\$5.30 b.
Hongkong Hotels... ..143 b.

Advices from Shanghai, dated 16th inst. state:—Business reported:—Shanghai and Hongkong Wharfs at Tls. 182½ p.m. for April. Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 144. Shanghai Lands at Tls. 115. Langkats at Tls. 25½ for April ex div. (of Tls. 7½ paid to-day). Astor House 8 per cent. Deb. at Tls. 102½.

Business done direct:—Shanghai and Hongkong Wharfs at Tls. 182½ for March. Indo-Chinas at Tls. 88½ cash, and at Tls. 89 for March. Farnham, Boyds at Tls. 144 for March. Lands at Tls. 115. Ewos at Tls. 30.

SHANGHAI FREIGHT MARKET.

Writing from Shanghai, on 16th inst. Messrs. Wheelock & Co. state:—

Our homeward freight market shows a slightly lighter tone since last writing, although it is still rather too early in the season to expect much cargo for export, but we expect to see an improvement in the near future.

Costwise:—Rates have hardened a little since we last wrote and there is a little more demand for trip charters in various directions, but on "time" there is very little doing as owners' ideas are still too high and the present political situation makes would-be charterers chary of committing themselves for any length of time.

RICE.

In their report of 10th inst. Messrs. W. G. Hale & Co., of Saigon, write:—Demand is limited and we have no business of importance to report. A few cargoes have been sold to neighbouring markets, but prices are still too high for business with Europe nevertheless, they remain steady and have even an upward tendency owing to the small arrivals of paddy from the interior.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL. THE DALLAS-BANDMANN OPERA CO.

TO-NIGHT! (MONDAY), 20th March, Grand Production of the Romantic Light Opera, "THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIC," From the Lyric Theatre, London, Catherine Uppschier, Mrs. Henry Dallas, Napoleon, Mr. Henry Dallas.

TO-MORROW, (TUESDAY), 21st March, "THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIC."

WEDNESDAY, 22nd March, "THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIC."

Doors open 8.30 P.M. Commence 9.00 P.M.

PRICES AS USUAL.
Plan at Messrs. ROBINSON & CO., Ltd. Late Tram 15 minutes after the performance.

F. C. GARTON, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. 1354

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SLAVONIA,"

Captain Madsen, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office, Hongkong, 19th March, 1905. 1358

To-day's Advertisements.

MASONIC QUADRILLE CLUB CONCERT.

UNDER the auspices of the MASONIC QUADRILLE CLUB

CONCERT

will be given TO-MORROW NIGHT, March 21st,

in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, CITY HALL,

Commencing at 8.30 P.M., Consisting of Comic Sketches and Dramatic Scenes.

Tickets may be had at the Door. Price \$1.00.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. 1390

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship "TONKIN,"

Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at 6 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent, Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. 17

S.S. "TONKIN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex s.s. *Douro* and *Sina*, and from Havre, ex s.s. *Douro*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 27th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KAISOW"	22nd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	28th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	15th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWU"	17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	23rd April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	25th April.

S.S. "Kaisow" left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 17th inst., and may be expected to arrive here about the 22nd.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	28th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	11th April.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"ALCINOUS"	20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	25th April.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

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FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, and NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TELEMACHUS"	20th April.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TEAN"	21st March.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	23rd "
TIEN SIN	"KANGU"	27th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	28th "
MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	8th April.

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly
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† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	A. H. Notley	MANILA	SATURDAY, 25th March, at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	"	"

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1905.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP
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FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	March 31st, 1905.	
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brehmer	April 20th, "	
"ARABIA"	4,481	Bahle	May 11th, "	
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schuldt	May 30th, "	

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian, and
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"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brehmer	April 20th, "
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STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [18]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers.
Tons Captain
"KWONG CHOW" 1,300 J. P. MARTIN.
"KWONG TUNG" 1,238 H. W. WALKER.
Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9, every
evening (Saturday excepted).
Leave Canton for Hongkong about 3.30
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These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and
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Passage Fare—Single Journey...\$4.
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The Company's Wharf is a short distance
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SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., and
YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,
No. 2, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [17]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

THE S Steamer departs from Hongkong on
Week Days, at 8 A.M. and on Sun-
days at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week
Days at 1.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.
FARES.—Week Days, 1st Class, including
Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket,
\$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates:—1st and 2nd Class, Single
Ticket, \$1; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single,
30 cents; Return, 50 cents; Stewage, 10 cents.
TIFFIN and DINNER can be supplied
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for
returning passengers only, at an extra charge
of \$2.
On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin which has accommodation for two
or more passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.
First Class Passengers, who do not care to
return on the Excursion Steamer, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should
the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to
the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given
by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be
available for the following day.
The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & Co.,
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1904. [14]

FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

THE Steamship
"RHENANIA,"
Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 21st instant,
at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [375]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL,
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1904. About
"SAINT FILLANS" 24th March, 1905.
"LOWTHER CASTLE" 18th April, "
For Freight and further information, apply
to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
"BENGLOE"
will be despatched for the above Ports, on
MONDAY, the 27th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [368]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland
Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide,
New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship
"AUSTRALIAN"
Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 8th April,
at Noon.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.
A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are
carried.
N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of
passengers the steamers of the Company have
electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [379]

Shipping—Steamers.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.
THE Company's Steamship

"ZAIDA,"
Captain G. M. Symmers, will be despatched as
above, TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [359]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship
"SUISANG,"
Captain F. Wheeler, will be despatched as
above, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant,
at 3 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1905. [370]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship
"LOUNGSAUNG,"
Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
above, on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First-class Passengers, and is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1905. [387]

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship
"HUGIN"
will be despatched for the above Port, on
WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.,
instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [367]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship
"MERIONETHSHIRE,"
C. H. Burch, Commander, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on or about SATURDAY, the
25th instant.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1905. [294]

Consignees.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"WILLEHAD"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 8 A.M.,
TO-MORROW MORNING.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st instant will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th
instant, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [3]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"PRINZ HEINRICH"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
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Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1904. [3]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CEYLON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
10 A.M., TO-MORROW.

Goods not to be received by the 23rd instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees,
and the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [2]

BOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PLEIADES,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consig-
nees of Cargo are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [8]

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship
"ZAIDA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consig-
nees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 4 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 18th
instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [380]

Intimations.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are
prepared, during suspension of their
Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice,
to BOOK CARGO and ISSUE BILLS OF LADING
TO SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and
PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-
LAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES
and CANADA in connection with the GREAT
NORTHERN RAILWAY FROM SEAT-
TLE, as hitherto, by the Steamers of the
NORTHERN PACIFIC S. S. Co., BOSTON
STEAMSHIP and TOWBOAT Co., OCEAN
S. S. Co. and CHINA MUTUAL S. N. Co.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-
pany's Local Branch Office in PRINCE'S
BUILDINGS, First Floor, Chater Road.

B. MORI,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [68]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG,
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CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR,
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FURNITURE STORE

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ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [60]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents or
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.

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dren's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.

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for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,
who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1892.

Intimations.

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Agents wanted in every port.

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HOWARD & Co.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [69]

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DOUBLY DISTILLED
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MATURED AGE.
TO BE OBTAINED FROM—
THE MUTUAL STORES,
Des Vœux Road.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [53]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1905. [48]

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